



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

I'd like to take a moment to reflect on Term 2 and wow – what a term it has been! Let's take a short walk down memory lane...

We started the term with a beautiful ANZAC liturgy – this year celebrating the last 100 year anniversary of World War One – Lest we forget.

Our liturgies and masses have also been beautiful – through class Masses each week to Saturday celebrations. We congratulate again our children who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and we bless them with our prayers. Our Sweeter than Honey artworks were outstanding – I was blown away not just by the artistic gifts of our children, but their reflections and connections to the scriptures as well. I hope you all got to go and see the artworks in the church? If not, you can see a snippet of them on the home page of the [Weebly](#). We also celebrated our mums and the special women in our lives at our Mothers' Day breakfast – it was a really lovely morning and we thank the Year 1 parents for organising it. I think one day is not nearly enough time to celebrate our mums – so happy every other day of the year, mums – you deserve it!

This term we have enjoyed quite a few sporting events – with children representing us at Northern Beaches, Broken Bay and Polding level in cross country, in netball, hockey, touch footy and softball. We've enjoyed rugby clinics across the whole school – how many of your kids can do a great grubber kick now? The term has culminated with the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children heading off to netball, AFL or rugby gala days – thank you weather for bringing out the sun!

There has been SO. MUCH. LEARNING this term that our children and teachers (and parents!) should be really proud of. Our Year 3 and 5 children participated in NAPLAN, we have had a range of children participate in ICAS tests for Digital Technology, Science, Writing and Spelling, and our children have also completed PAT Reading and Maths tests. Our Year 5 and 6 children have shone in their Night of the Notables presentation evening earlier this term – I felt overwhelmingly proud of them all.

Within the classroom, we have explored EPMC (Encouraging Persistence, Maintaining Challenge) looking at fractions in our Stage 3 classrooms, and within each of our classrooms we have continued to support children in making connections in their maths learning to develop a solid conceptual understanding of number. We have explored our family trees and how family life has changed over time, how the earth works, and how materials change and the consequences of change. We have learnt more about our Indigenous history and how communities change over time, and we have explored democracy in our country – culminating in an excursion to our nations' capital (have you checked out the Yr 6 Canberra pamphlets in the foyer?). Our kids have even learnt about developing a savings plan – ask their advice about 'see it, earn it, save it'!



The Papal audience was with 5000 others. It doesn't pay to be late!

Our K-2 children and teachers have loved learning about the Worry Woo monsters and have really taken on board the ability to name and understand their emotions and the control they have over them. All of our students have enjoyed Relax Kids this semester and it is wonderful to see them use and name strategies that help them with the social and emotional learning.

Additionally, our teachers have participated in professional learning in maths, spelling and geography and have worked hard every day to create a safe and supportive learning environment where all children have a chance to shine and to do their best learning. And lastly, our parents have also embraced the opportunity to develop their own learning and skills, particularly in maths and in social and emotional learning and behaviour through our parent education workshops.



This is the closest to a selfie Mark was able to get with Pope Francis!



In Lucca, the home town of Pinocchio

A quick update on Mark and his travels... He wanted our Yr 2 families to know that he was in St Peter's Square on the weekend saying a prayer for the children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. His 'audience' with the Pope was actually an outside event with 5000 people, so the selfie I hoped for didn't quite come about!

The official 150km walk is now underway, and whilst sore feet and knees are a thing, he is enjoying seeing Tuscany unfolding before him. He is also enjoying the local gelato!

Lastly, I just wanted to give a little plug to our [St John's Facebook page](#) –and to thank those who have engaged with it – it's another way of getting our name out into the community and let everyone know what a great school we have!

I heard a whisper recently with some concerns that the Year 3 class arrangements would change before the end of the year. I'd like to confirm we will definitely keep the 3 classes for the remainder of 2018. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to email me – natalie.ingram@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

I wish all of our St John's community a well-deserved break. I wish you lovely sleep-ins and late breakfasts, fun times in the sunshine, and relaxed times on the couch. Enjoy the chance to stop and breathe!

Have a wonderful holiday,

Natalie Ingram

KINDER ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

All enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 should be submitted (ideally) by the end of Term 2. We ask any siblings enrolling to submit applications as soon as possible so that we can determine the number of places available for 2019.

If you had friends or family attend our Open Mornings or Evenings earlier this term, remind them to get their enrolment applications in as soon as possible. Kinder enrolments will stay open until the beginning of Term 3 and we welcome new families who may be interested in a school tour to please contact us on 9971 9297 or via sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au. Enrolment information can be found on our school website. Enrolments remain open throughout the year for other grades.



DIARY

HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS
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Week 10 Term 2 Mon 23 July	Week 10 Term 2 Tues 24 July	Week 10 Term 2 Wed 25 July	Week 10 Term 2 Thurs 26 July	Week 10 Term 2 Fri 27 July	Week 10 Term 2 Sat/Sun 28/29
<i>Term 3 Commences</i>	St John's Playgroup 9-11am			<i>Kindy excursion</i> <i>Taronga Zoo</i>	

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tues 31st July

ICAS English 8am
St John's Playgroup 9-11am

Wed 1st Aug

St John's Athletics Carnival – Academy of Sport

Tues 7th & 21st August

St John's Playgroup 9-11am

Saturday 11th Aug

School Parish Mass Yr 5&6

Monday 13th Aug

The Resilient Girl Workshop – Library 6.30-9.30pm

Tuesday 14th Aug

ICAS Maths 8am

Friday 17th Aug

Grandparents Day – Time TBC

AWARDS



****PLEASE NOTE – THE HALL IS CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN CLASSROOMS****

KC	Gabriella A William F Tahlia M	2R	Skye B Chelsea H	4SC	Matthew H Liam S	Sport Evie B (KC) Brooke H (3R)
KG	Ethan C Haley W Nathan W	3B	Joshua B Gianni D	5D	Sarah D Edie P	
1B	Lara C Brandon D Sophia M	3O	Elysia L Chloe O Lucas P Gemma T	5NF	Olivia B Charlotte B Anthony M	Library Mitchell K (KC) The Library Team
1G	Liam F Lilah R	3R	Bailey G Brooke H	6DI	Max B Hayley B	
2N	Elianna A Blake W	4B	Nicholas C Alexander M Will N			Drama Darcy Mc (3B) Joel I (6DI)

ST JOHN'S FETE update

**It's happening on Saturday 3rd November
– and planning is in full swing!**

Entry will be open to our whole local Northern Beaches community, with exciting activities, raffles, competitions, merchandise and foods stalls to enjoy. We've already had amazing support from our community with sponsorships and prizes donated, but we'd love to receive more to help make the day as exciting as possible.



Can your family or business donate a prize for the raffle? Do you know anyone else who could? Or would your business be interested in holding or supporting a stall? If so, please let us know via the link <https://goo.gl/forms/wvU8YUoXZUG3JYhD2> or email us at stjohnspandfassociation@gmail.com



We are so excited to announce that the advance purchase of wristbands for unlimited rides at our school fete are now available!

There will be some AMAZING rides and activities at the fete – a chair ride, some action adventure jumping castles and obstacle courses and slides, and a teacup and saucer ride too!

Tickets can be pre-purchased via TryBooking – <https://www.trybooking.com/401089> - \$20 for unlimited rides all day (\$25 on the day).

Thanks to our amazing sponsors so far



The Marcus Family

The Broad Family



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the Year 2 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a joyful celebration and the church was filled with family and friends celebrating this very important step in the children's faith journey.

Bishop Peter set a challenge – to find a “statue” of the children's saint to help them remember the saint they had chosen for Confirmation – to keep the saint in their minds long after the day of Confirmation.

It made me stop and think about my own saint – St Therese of Lisieux. The memories came flooding back – looking through a book of Saints in my aunt's “good room” (she was my sponsor and there was no definitely no internet!) and learning all about this young girl and how her very short life (she died at 24) was all about loving God. I didn't have a statue but I had a holy card that lived in my Sunday Mass book.

What can you remember about your saint? What will your children remember about their saint in 40+ years?



ARCHBISHOP-ELECT PETER COMENSOLI

Speaking of the Bishop, it was announced last Friday that he has been appointed by Pope Francis as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne.

Bishop Peter, like all clergy, serve where they are called: “I will miss tremendously the wonderful people – laity, religious and clergy – of Broken Bay. For the all too brief time that it has been my privilege to serve them, I am proud to have been their friend and shepherd.”

Here is a link to Bishop Peter's Message: <https://youtu.be/DFaYRD2OBkc>

This means that the process will now begin to appoint a new Bishop for the Diocese of Broken Bay.

FIRST EUCHARIST – TERM 3

The Sacrament of First Eucharist (First Communion) will be offered in the Parish in Term 3. The Sacrament is available to all children in Yr 3 and above who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation. The children receive the Sacrament at a regular weekend Mass over three weekends in September.



I've copied the details and dates from our Weebly Faith page below:

Commitment Evening: Thursday 9th August 2018 (Term 3 - Wk 3 - St Kevin's Church, Dee Why 7pm)

4 Lessons held on either Saturday or Sunday between 18th August and 9th September.

Rehearsal: Wed 5th September (St Kevin's), Thurs 6th September (St John's)

Eucharist: 8/9 September (St Kevin's) 15/16 September, 22/23 September (St John's)

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

The term finished in a different way for the first time due to us holding our three-way interviews at the end of Term 1 rather than Term 2. Grades on reports range from limited to basic to sound to high to outstanding. As children move between stages (eg into Yr 1, Yr 3, and Yr 5) results may appear to change or plateau as the children engage in more challenging learning. Just a reminder that if you have any concerns about your child's report, or any aspect of their learning – our teachers are always happy to meet with you! You may even just send an email with a query if a meeting is not needed – just shoot through an email to sjan@dbb.catholic.edu.au or call the office on 9971 9297.

ST JOHN'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



We will be holding our annual Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 1st August, which is Week 2 of Term 3. It's always a great day for the kids and the many parents who come along and help out.

Thank you to the families who have already completed the online permission form – we currently have about half of the school. If you have completed yours, can you check in with friends and remind them to get theirs done too? Thank you. <https://goo.gl/forms/FiSR3COdyMei0tg92>

CHOIR VISIT – PALM GROVE NURSING HOME

We had a fantastic time entertaining the residents on Wednesday. When we got there, there were about five residents in the meeting room. As soon as we started singing people came from everywhere! Lots of people sang along, some were clapping and tapping their feet. At the end they asked us if they could keep the words for "Home Among the Gumtrees" so they could learn it. There were big smiles all around.

Limited space means that only half of the choir was able to perform yesterday, and they were excited to know that the second half of the choir would be back next term.



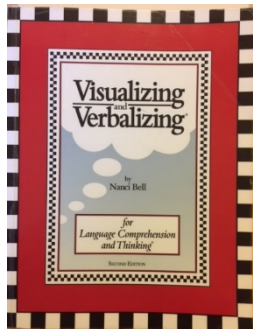


Don't forget our annual St John's Public Speaking Competition will be on again early in Term 3. The children will be presenting their poems (K – Year 4) or speeches (Year 5 & 6) to their class **throughout Week 3** of Term 3, with the finals being on **Friday of Week 5 (24th August)**.

Information on topics and marking criteria can be found on the Class Weebly and is attached to the end of the newsletter today. Although we won't start the competition until Term 3, many children like to get a head start in the school holidays.

Pauline Douglas and Margaret Nelson-Smith

A MESSAGE FROM MRS VIDLER



One of our parents have borrowed our "Visualising and Verbalising" book and we would love to get it back.

Can you please return it to school as soon as possible?

Thank you.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

Talking Food with Kids

The way you talk about foods can help shape children's attitudes towards food. Avoid using the words good or bad, & don't talk about diets around children. Use words & ideas that they can understand such as the Go, Grow, Glow idea.

Holidays can be a great time to experiment with new foods. **To encourage kids to try new foods** - talk about sensory qualities... taste, sweetness or crunch. Try some ideas over the holidays to spice up Term 3's lunch boxes.



Grow foods give us calcium, protein & iron to help us grow healthy muscles, bones & teeth. They come from the meats / meat alternatives & dairy food groups. They also help us stay full.



Glow foods keep our immune systems strong & help us glow from the inside out. They come from the fruit & vegetables food group & you should aim to eat a rainbow of colours every day.



Go foods give our muscles fuel & energy to "go, go, go". They come from the breads, grains & cereals food group & include bread, rice, wraps, rolls, crackers, cereals, popcorn, pikelets & rice paper rolls.

Gala Days



We were so lucky to have two great days for our Gala Days!
We had fantastic time and showed great sportsmanship.





*A huge thank you to
all of our parent
helpers.*

*We can't do Gala
Days without you!*



Book Week Parade



Next term in Week 5 (August 18-24) we will have our school Book Week Parade. The holidays may be a good time to get crafty and start thinking about your costume. Many parents like to prepare early to avoid a last minute panic. Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character of their choice or to create a costume around the Book Week theme of, **'Find your Treasure'**. The students will wear the costume while parading with their class in front of the whole school.

During this week we will also have the Carnival Book Fair where students can purchase books.



The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

Yum Yum! - Special Toastie Day tomorrow in the Canteen!

It's the last day of term, and we're going all out to celebrate! – take your pick of toasties, sushi or our usual every day menu. A wonderful group of volunteers (armed with multiple toasters) will be led by our fantastic Canteen Manager Shirley. Thank you to everyone involved in this – we really appreciate your help and enthusiasm 😊

School Uniform Shop – open tomorrow morning 8.30am to 9am

As it's the last day of term, the School Uniform Shop will be open in the morning only. Why not pop in and see the fantastic range of preloved items Linda has in stock? – we've been fortunate to receive many generous donations recently so there's a great selection available!

We have a beautiful community at St John's, and a big part of that is the help so many of you give. You volunteer and assist in unsung ways, from helping in the Canteen, being Class Parents, tending the Eco Garden, assisting in class rooms, running the Uniform Shop, managing the School Banking, donating prizes and in countless other ways.



We want to say **thank you** for all you do!

And wishing everyone a safe and happy time over the coming holidays – see you in Term 3! 😊

Warm regards

Bel, Pip, Jo & Russell

The Resilient Girl Workshop

Parents of Girls are invited to join our workshop designed to help Girls learn how better how to manage their emotions, build supportive relationships and friendships, build independence and self-confidence.

Where: St. John's School Library, When: Monday 13th August, Time: 6:30-8:30pm

RSVP: www.schoolinterviews.com.au Booking Code: 6KM6M

If you have any questions about the course please email: Jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au **ENTE**

RELAX KIDS



I thank you all for the privilege over the past 2 terms to teach your children and give them some tools that they will be able to use throughout their lives. I have thoroughly enjoyed running my Relax Kids classes in the school and getting to know each and every one of your children!

Relax Kids is my passion and it has been a wonderful joy sharing that with the staff and students at St John's school. I thank Mark Bateman and Natalie Ingram for this wonderful opportunity.

If you are interested in your child continuing with classes beyond this term, please feel free to contact me for details about my small group after school classes, one on one sessions and family sessions. My email address is Relaxkidssydney@gmail.com and my contact number is 0413786588.

Warm regards
Elizabeth Byrne.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY 29TH JULY 10am

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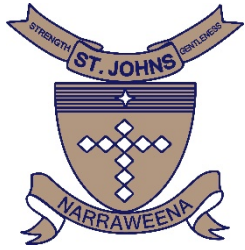
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE OILS, PLEASE WATCH THIS VIDEO LINK: <https://vimeo.com/271228659>

Here is a list of ways these essential oils can help you and your family's health and wellness:



• ACHES AND PAINS	• CUTS & SCRAPES	• NATURAL CLEANING SOLUTIONS
• BALANCED	• DE-STRESS	• NATURAL HOME FRAGRANCES
• BETTER SLEEP & RELAXATION	• ENERGISED	• NAUSEA
• BODY CLEANSING	• FEVER	• RELAXATION
• BOOST IMMUNE SYSTEM	• FOCUS & METAL CLARITY	• SKIN BLEMISHES
• CALMING	• HEADACHES	• SOOTHING
• COLDS & FLU	• INDIGESTION / UPSET TUMMY	• SUNBURNS & DRY SKIN
• COLIC	• INFECTIONS	• TEETHING
• CONCENTRATION	• JAUNDICE	• UPLIFT BAD MOODS
• CONSTIPATION & DIARRHOEA	• NAPPY RASH	• USE IN YOUR COOKING
• COUGH & CONGESTION	• NATURAL BODY WASH	• VIRUSES / BUGS
• CRADLE CAP	• NATURAL BUG REPELLENT	• WEIGHT LOSS – PLUS MORE...

To book your spot at one of these classes, please call Clare on 0419 439 322 with your name and email address or email us at nutritionalhealthandwealth@outlook.com



3 July 2018,

Dear Parents,

The annual St John's Public Speaking Competition is on again early in Term 3. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of the students at St John's to experience public speaking in front of a group and for us all to see the depth of talent we have here at our school.

The previous competitions have been very successful and the children were able to present well- prepared speeches on their topic.

Throughout Week 3 (Monday 6th – Friday 10th August) of Term 3, all of the children will present their speech or poem to their class. Kindergarten through to Year 4 will be reciting a poem. Years 5 and 6 will be presenting a prepared speech.

Palm cards are permitted.

The top speakers from each grade will present their speech to the school on Friday of Week 5 (24th August) from 11.15am.

The presentation will be assessed on expression, articulation, voice projection and ability to engage the audience.

Practise for the public speaking will become a part of the children's homework in the beginning of Term 3 but we are sending this note home before the holidays so the children may start preparing. Remember practise will not only improve your child's presentation, it will also give them more confidence.

The topics for this year are listed over the page.

An assessment criterion has been attached below for all families to refer to for both the public speaking and poetry recital. These details can also be found on the Class Weebly.

Regards

Pauline Douglas and Margaret Nelson-Smith

Public Speaking Co-ordinators

Stage 3	Stage 2	Kindergarten and Stage 1
<p><i>3 minute prepared speech</i></p> <p><i>No microphone to be used</i></p>	<p><i>Approximately 1 minute recital of a poem.</i></p> <p><i>Microphone on stand will be available for use</i></p>	<p><i>Recital of a poem</i></p> <p><i>Microphone on stand will be available for use</i></p>
<p>“a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z” only 26 characters, but they can make you laugh or cry, fall in love or go to war. <i>Print ad New York Library</i></p> <p>“Family means no one gets left behind or forgotten” - David Ogden Stiers</p> <p>Clean Water</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Speaking up to make a difference</p> <p>Space</p> <p>Deep Water</p> <p>Pollination</p> <p>Ethical Fashion</p> <p>Extraordinary feats of Engineering</p> <p>Pets</p> <p>The Spirit of the Game</p> <p>My rules for social media</p> <p>“Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength.” Mahatma Gandhi</p>	<p>Choose a poem to recite.</p> <p>The poem could be published or personally written.</p> <p>It could be...</p> <p>*Humorous</p> <p>*Dramatic</p> <p>*Descriptive</p> <p>*Informative</p>	<p>Choose a poem to recite.</p> <p>The poem could be published or personally written.</p> <p>It could be...</p> <p>*Humorous</p> <p>*Dramatic</p> <p>*Descriptive</p> <p>*Informative</p>

POETRY RECITAL (K-4) ASSESSMENT GRID

STUDENT:

CLASS:

POEM:

Points System:

5/5 = Outstanding

4/5 = Very Good

3/5 = Good

2/5 = OK but could improve

1/5 = Needs practice in this area

	SCORE
Expression: Did they use good expression as they recited the poem?	
Articulation: Did they pronounce their words clearly?	
Voice Projection: Could they be easily heard?	
Gesturing: Did they use appropriate gesturing throughout the poem to help with meaning?	
Use of Body: Did they stand up straight and use their body well? Did they make eye contact?	
Entertainment Value: Did they keep the audience's interest and entertain? Did they develop a rapport with the audience?	



SCORE: _____

PUBLIC SPEAKING (5-6) ASSESSMENT GRID

Name:

Class:

Topic:

Points System:

5/5 = Outstanding

4/5 = Very Good

3/5 = Good

2/5 = OK but could improve

1/5 = Needs practice in this area

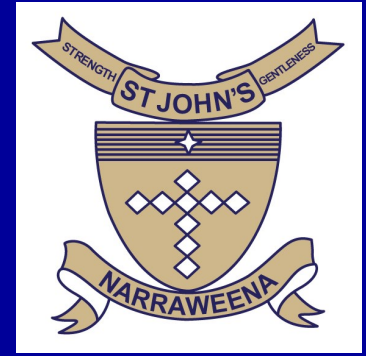
Content	Score
Began in an interesting manner.	
Central theme evident and logical sequence developed.	
Supported opinion with facts and examples.	
Appropriate use of language.	
Strong ending, as close as possible to the time allowed.	
Delivery	
<u>Visual:</u> Stood straight and tall.	
Good eye contact	
Unobtrusive use of notes.	
Gestures which assist in conveying a message.	
<u>Vocal:</u> Clear and appropriate use of voice.	
Varied expression.	
Pace not too fast.	
The ability to establish a rapport with the audience.	



SCORE: _____

ST. JOHNS PLAY GROUP

Play, learn and connect.



An invitation to all children, in our local area ages 3-5 and their parents and carers to **play, learn and connect!**



2018
Term 3 dates:

Tuesdays:
July 24 & 31
August 7 & 21
September 4, 18.
9-11am.

**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
NARRAWEENA

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playgroup

Come along and

- *discover how children learn through play*
- *get ideas for simple, fun activities you can do at home*

Parents/carers are an important part of play-group and are required to remain on-site with their children during the playgroup.

For queries and questions please contact St John's office via phone, email or in person, via